Conversion of Railway Lines between Darbhanga and Jainagar Stations

†1812. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money provided for the broad gauge railway lines under construction between Darbhanga and Jainagar Stations of the North-Eastern Railway, together with the up-to-date details regarding the progress made in the construction thereof;

(b) the amount of money likely to be spent to complete the said scheme during the current as well as ensuing year; and

(c) the number of years likely to be taken in completion of the said project;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Rs. 10 crores. Tenders for earthwork are in process and the work is being taken up.

(b) The budget provision in the current year is Rs. 10 cr. Outlay for next year will be known when the budget is presented. Expenditure will be known when the year is over and accounts are finalised.

(c) No target date has been fixed. Completion will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

Constrution of Railway Crossing on Hissar-Bikaner Rail Line

1813. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will 4he Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of letters she or the Ministry received during the last one year for construction of railway crossing at 11 kms. away towards Hissar to Dera on Hissar-Bikaner rail line at Gang no. 9, Pole No. 12-13, from the fund out of Members of Parliament Lccal Area Development Scheme; and what action has been taken in this regard;

(b) whether it is a fact that inspite of many requests from members of Parliament, no estimate has been prepared so far in this regard;

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